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Phosphate Replies.

Editor Evening Star:

The Daily Chronicle stated in Wednesday's issue that some of the most prominent phosphate dealers intended to move their headquarters to Jacksonville. The reason according to the Chronicle's statement for this intended change is the lack of banking facilities. They say that the lack of banking facilities is one reason, but there are other reasons which might be mentioned as well since the question has been ventilated.

As to banking facilities it is undoubtedly more convenient to have a financial institution where we can obtain the cash necessary for the ordinary requirements of the office. Even in the event of another bank being established here no one can reasonably expect a phosphate dealer to entrust same again with larger amounts after the record which both the First National and the Merchants' National bank have set for themselves.

When public sentiment tends to take such a direction and Christian spirit is misconstrued and ill-applied in such a manner as to ask for the commutation of a sentence passed by an intelligent body of citizens and confirmed by the highest tribunal, on a bank president whose misdoings have been as open faced as the light is broad then there is time for reflection indeed.

One more reason why the change is contemplated and one of particular weight is because the phosphate dealers are at present the best abused men in town and imposed upon in more than an ordinary manner. Is it not a fact that Ocala is largely dependent in these days for its revenues on these phosphate dealers? Are they not the ones who give work to thousands of laborers white and colored directly and indirectly and whose money when paid out comes back to Ocala in exchange for merchandise, which enables its merchants to do a safe and extensive business? Ask the merchants in town who the ones are upon whom they can rely for the safety of their money and for the payment of their bills when they are due. Not the individual miner but the phosphate dealer is the backbone of the financial situation of this town as matters stand now. More than ever does Ocala have an interest in their staying right here, but do the "Padres Peccavi" of the city council realize this or attempt to encourage the phosphate dealers to continue their line of business in this town?

There is no earthly reason any longer why we should give Ocala the preference of other cities and put ourselves to the discomfort of living in a place which is governed by anything else but the spirit of individual liberty where we meet with a spirit of hatefulness instead of encouragement. In the remotest village of B. hemia there is more personal liberty than here in the clorado of bigotry and prudery and more safety and protection against the malicious attacks of mischievous elements. Every community has its idlers, know-nothings and do-nothings, but this is no reason why these elements should have the privilege of filling out their time by criticizing others for wearing better clothes than they do because they reap the benefit of their labors; for choosing their own style of living independent of others. We quite agree with one of our honorable ministers of the gospel of this town who in a recent article stated that there is a time when forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

Give us a municipality that will leave church matters aside in administering town matters; that will govern the town to the welfare of the community and protect the respectable element from the impositions of the class that consider work a disgrace; that will set our growing youth a simple of self-respect and respect towards others and we may expect to attract people to make this town their home and headquarters. Give the people personal liberty. Let every man be at liberty to choose his own circles as long as he respects the rights of his fellow citizens and keeps on the line of good morals and respectability, and protect him against the elements of immorality and lawlessness by restricting and relegating the latter to their proper territory. In this manner you will build up a town that every man can call his home and will attract and reserve elements for the town that are essential to its progress and welfare.

PHOSPHATE.

Hot for the S. B. Convention

The annual convention of Southern Baptists will be held in Wilmington, N. C., from May 6th to 14th inclusive. Rates for one limited first-class fare for the round trip have been authorized. Tickets to be sold May 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, good for return within fifteen days from the date of the sale.

The great Plant System of railways has superior advantages for handling this business. Our delegates and all visitors can leave Ocala at 1:30 p. m. and arrive in Wilmington at 12:15 p. m. next day. Fast time, polite officials, elegant Pullman and day coaches are among the many excellent characteristics of the Plant System. We commend this route to our delegates and feel sure they will be pleased with it. Any persons wishing further information can obtain it by communicating with F. M. Jolly, division passenger agent, Tampa, Fla., or Col. B. W. Wrenn, passenger traffic manager, Savannah, Ga.

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They Are all Going.

The sale of seats for the Remenyi concert progresses in a way to indicate that the public appreciates the treat in store. Those who have never heard this great artist should not fail to improve the present, perhaps the last opportunity; those who have heard him need no advice they have already secured seats Monday night at Marion opera house. Seats on sale at Masters, 75c and \$1.00

B. Y. P. U.

Miss Lura V. Thompson will address the members of the B. Y. P. U. Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. The meeting will commence at 4 p. m. instead of 3, the usual hour. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.



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FANCY DRESS BALL.

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The lovers of the ball room were out in full force last night to witness and participate in the closing reception by Prof. Northcott's dancing class at the armory. It was a fancy dress ball and the crowd was the largest of the season. The hall was beautifully decorated with Japanese designs, palms and evergreens. The costumes were beautiful, brilliant and fantastic in the extreme.

The performance began soon after ten o'clock with Prof. Northcott and Miss Edna Culverhouse leading the grand march. The costumes worn by Paul Harrison, Charley Lloyd and Frank Anthony were voted the most unique and comical. Some were very pretty and all were decidedly in keeping with the occasion.

The specialties were very clever and executed in the highest style of the art by Miss Gertrude Peyser, Miss Sallie Bell, Miss Sue Marean, Miss Irene Benjamin, Miss Hazel Hiler, Miss Pauline Sullivan and Miss Edna Culverhouse.

The enjoyment was kept up until the "wee sma hours" and everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of all present.

Agnew in Custody.

Deputy United States Marshal James Clark, came up from Tampa yesterday with orders from U. S. court to place E. W. Agnew in custody. He was placed under arrest soon after his arrival here and while he has been allowed his freedom he has been under guard all the time. If no word is received from Washington before tomorrow, favorable to his pardon he will be taken to Jacksonville and from there he will leave on the night train for Brooklyn where he will enter upon his five years sentence.

Tobacco Convention.

The first annual meeting of the Florida Tobacco Growers association will be held at Quincy next Tuesday, March 9. The first session will open at 10 a. m. This association was born at Ocala when the National association was held here in January, and this county should have a good representation at Quincy next Tuesday.

Epworth League.

The topic of the Epworth League at the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon will be "Missions—The call to work." Roll call meeting; leader, E. L. Ley. The time of meeting has been changed from 3 to 3:30 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

The Churches.

CHRISTIAN

10 a. m., Bible School; 11 a. m., session, Ezekiel's Vision Temple; 3 p. m., Communion service, Prof. E. B. Wakefield, Hiram, Ohio; evening service, sermon, Rev. R. B. Meeks, Henderson, Tenn.

PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday-school 9:30 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m., Rev. Herrin, Ocala; evening service, Rev. E. B. Wakefield.

BAPTIST

Sunday-school 9:30 a. m., morning service, 11 a. m., Prof. E. B. Wakefield; B. Y. P. U., 4 p. m., addressed by Miss Lura V. Thompson, subject: "Vessels meet for the Master's use;" evening service, Rev. J. E. Dougherty.

METHODIST

Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m., subject: "Go ye unto all the world," R. P. Meeks; Epworth League, 3:30 p. m.; evening service, subject: "What is that in thine hand?" Miss Lura V. Thompson.

Old People.

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